

City police: Be wary of solicitors

City residents reported this week that solicitors have been knocking on doors in the evenings attempting to get PPL Electric Utilities customers to switch to another energy provider.

These solicitors are not registered with the city and police want residents who

have been contacted by one of the salespeople to immediately call police.

All groups wishing to solicit door to door in the city must obtain a permit from the police department.

Robin Brown, a records processor for the department, administers the permit

program and said, "At this time I have no one who is permitted to solicit door to door."

She said the last energy company solicitation permit expired more than six months ago.

Brown said every solicitor must carry a card with them which has a copy of the per-

mit on one side and a picture of the solicitor on the other.

The cards are purposely oversized — 5-inches-by-7-inches — to make them clearly visible.

"Our cards are so big that if they're wearing them around their neck they'd look a little odd," Brown said.